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The Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric Deputy Secretary of Defense Washington, D. C.

Dear Ros:

This refers to your proposed joint memorandum on "Establishment of NRP Review Committee," which formalizes the agreement we reached in our meeting on 23 October to establish procedures for monitoring the National Reconnaissance Program.

As you know, I have previously designated Dr. Wheelen to act as my monitor under the terms of the basic Agreement, and I also look to General Carter for occasional assistance in this regard. Carter and Wheelen met with Fubini and McMillan on 5 December at Fubini's suggestion. I am informed that Dr. Fubini proposed that this group meet biweekly, alternating the office meeting place; that the chairman as such would likewise alternate for each meeting and be responsible for keeping such minutes as might be required as well as furnishing the coffee. I understand this informal working arrangement was agreed by all and that they will meet again the third week in December.

Since the meetings already seem to be well started, I suggest that we proceed in accordance with Fubini's proposal. I would hope also that you and I could meet periodically, perhaps monthly, to receive status reports and recommendations from this monitoring group.

Sincerely.

/s/

John A. McCone Director

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